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The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield United States Senate 475 Cottage Street, N.E.

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	his request and make a commitment to pay the search fees, he
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	To assist you in understanding what has transpired
STAT	between and the CIA, I am enclosing copies of
	correspondence relating to his request.
	Sincerely,
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	Clair E. George
	Director, Office of Legislative Liaison
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